

JACOB'S WELL

OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH

November 2015

Nov. 1 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Celebration of the Lord's Supper- All Saints Day*

Lectionary Readings:

Greeter: Joan Lapitsky

Liturgist: Holly Deyoe

Ushers: Makenzie Harrington/Cindy Brockman

Counters: Pat Woomer/Hank Harrington

*Communion Servers: Bruce Guerineau, Pat Woomer, Hank Harrington,
Paula Sheely*

Communion Cleanup: Terri Richards

Nov. 8 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings:

Greeter: Bill Olmert

Liturgist: Paula Sheely

Ushers: Terri Richards/Paula Sheely

Counters: Cindy Brockman/Paulette Foote

Nov. 15 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Annual Congregational Meeting*

Lectionary Readings:

Greeter: Helen Lofgren

Liturgist: Dick Behrens

Ushers: Holly Deyoe/Hank Harrington

Counters: Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau

Nov. 22 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Thanksgiving Sunday*

Reception of New Member and Sacrament of Baptism

Lectionary Readings:

Greeter: Cindy Brockman

Liturgist: Paulette Foote

Ushers: Ajay Deyoe/Dick Behrens

Counters: Cindy Brockman/Hank Harrington

Nov. 29 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT *Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope-*

Lectionary Readings:

Greeter: Terri Richards

Liturgist: Amber Deyoe

Ushers: Kim Thayer/Karl Thayer

Counters: Paula Sheely/Cindy Brockman

*Our worship services begin at 10:00am. The sanctuary is handicapped accessible.
Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.*

From the Pastor...

***O Lord my God,
I will give thanks to thee
forever!***

(Psalm 30:12b)

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

Greetings in God's grace and peace!

This month many of us will celebrate **Thanksgiving Day** on Nov. 26. The Sunday before, Nov. 22, will be Thanksgiving Sunday in our church and many others. Thanksgiving Day has been around since Nov. 26, 1789, when it was first celebrated as a national holiday by decree of President George Washington. It is often associated with earlier feasts in 1621 and 1623 which took place in the Massachussets Bay Colony when Pilgrims, Puritans and Native Americans sat down together to share a meal.

Long before these notable occasions however, **harvest festivals** have been around for thousands of years in many ancient and present cultures—especially where people are dependent for life upon the food they grow for themselves. Harvest festivals celebrated the growth and reaping of fruits, grains and vegetables, as well as preparing the land for a time of rest.

But there was something more. In the biblical tradition, harvest festivals such as the spring Feast of First Fruits, or the autumn Feast of Sukkot usually involved ceremonial thanks to God, and the remembrance and sharing with those in need. Thus, the act of giving thanks for God's unfailing goodness, was always accompanied by gestures of generosity and compassion toward persons and families in the community of faith and the greater society. This wider understanding of what it means to give thanks is central to our faith and life—and helps give our celebrations meaning that goes beyond personal thanksgiving and family tradition.

In a world, where there is great abundance and great need, the blessings of life are meant to be shared. As one of our hymns says: *"In our worldwide task of caring, for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done!"*

May you and your families and friends have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Joyce deVelder

CHURCH FAMILY ANNIVERSARIES

1: Roger Sherman
2: Carol Burch
3: Roger M. Sherman
3: David Woomer
6: Wendy (Russell) Fedderly
10: Emily Buchanan
11: Lily Russell
12: Robert Haney
12: Thomas Pooler
13: Peggy MacMillan
14: Sawyer Russell Fedderly
18: Linda Barter
20: Melanie (Whitehouse) Casey
22: Sandy Jones
23: Ryan Markwith
24: Chauncey Mabb
24: Allison Cummins
25: Timmy Cox

9: Donald and Kim Mac Millan, 2002
10: Anne Sherman, 2012
25: Bill and Duffy Whitehouse, 1967

(Please help keep our birthday, anniversary, and hospital lists current by giving us dates and updates! (695-3479 Thanks!)

IN OUR PRAYERS

“But when you pray, you must believe and not doubt at all. Whoever doubts is like a wave in the sea that is driven and blown about by the wind.” (James 1: 6)

Ruth Hayes
Charles Jones
Alyson Fitzgerald
Peggy MacMillan
Thomas Altrogge
Rod Borgman
John Bodnar
Richard Zelazny
Eloise Bosch
Sylvia Thompson
Evie Senecal
Alicia Lewie
Charlotte Gorham
Emma Hougen
Darlene Olmert
Rev. John deVelder
Pat Hayes-Howd
Sandy DeGregory
Mona Perkins
Suzanne Guerineau
Rev. Dr. Charles Bailey
Sandy Jones

Bette Tucker
Dwight Colvin
Ashleigh Clute
Anna Bierma
David Garrand
Ashley Edgar
Trevor Lewie
Naomi Thayer
Sandy Horsfield
Wayne Barton
Kerst Brunner
Susie Murphy
Jim Miers
Charles Thayer
Clyde Wells
Audrey Booth
Sue Hughes
Shirley Hoodack
Bill Cluff
George Duval
Claire Houston
Cheryl Durkee

OUR FRIENDS IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES/HOMEBOUND

(We've listed the names and addresses of our church members/friends for the purpose of remembering them in prayer or with a card.)

Chauncey Mabb, Crescent Manor, 312 Crescent Blvd. , Bennington, VT 05201,
1-802-379-3148

HOSPITALIZED IN OCTOBER

Chauncey Mabb – Bennington Hospital
Anna Bierma – Saratoga Hospital
Margaret Jacobson- Saratoga Surgery Center

SYMPATHY

..to the family of **Paul Shaver** (75) who died unexpectedly at Saratoga Hospital on Oct. 2. Paul had retired in 1995 from his job as Director of Special Education in the Albany City School District. Following retirement, he served in local interim administrative positions, including supervising student teachers from the College of St. Rose. Paul was a member of the Saratoga Hospital Board of Trustees for 10 years. He was instrumental in setting up the satellite medical office in Schuylerville and was interested in local government and committees. His contributions to the greater community were many. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, **Joyce Fogarty Shaver** and their children **Michael Shaver, Timothy Shaver and family, and Karen (Shaver) Galcik and family.**

..to the family of **Edith (Hayes) Woodbury** (88) who died on Oct. 6 at the Washington Center in Argyle. She and her late husband Charles Woodbury owned and operated Fish Creek Marina (near their home) for many years. Edie grew up in Schuylerville and came to Old Saratoga in her younger years with her **brothers Howard, Walter, Harold Donald and Robert Hayes, and sister Hazel Filkins.** She later joined the Quaker Springs United Methodist Church. She is survived by her son, **Ashley Woodbury and sisters-in-law Ruth Hayes and Marilyn Hayes.**

THANKS EXTENDED

..to **David Garrand** for keeping our lawns mowed all summer, and for cleaning up the leaves in the fall

..to **"anonymous"** who once again generously provided the church with 10 books of first class stamps

THANKS RECEIVED

"With your recent gift (\$54) you are helping us to pursue our vision of a "county free of relationship and sexual abuse" by providing shelter, support, counseling and legal aid for victims of domestic violence."

**Maggie Fronk, Executive Director
Wellspring
(former Domestic Violence Services))**

*"Thank you **Joyce, David and Mikael,** for your loving care while I was in the hospital and at the Stanton. It was great getting a visit from **Bruce Guerineau and Pat Woomer.** A lot of cards came in the mail. Many blessings to all and everyone."*

Anna Bierma



St. Nicolaas Holiday Sale

at Old Saratoga Reformed Church

(corner of Pearl and Burgoyne Streets)

Saturday, Dec. 5

8 am-2 pm

(to help celebrate Schuylerville's Celebration of St. Nicolaas)



Gently used Christmas decorations,
Hallmark collectibles, baked goods,
fudge, basket raffles, refreshments

(All proceeds will benefit the General Fund)

OTHER LOCAL ST. NICOLAAS EVENTS Dec. 4-6

Memory Tree Lighting at the Saratoga Town Hall Fri. 6pm

Entertainment Events and Vendors all day in the Town Hall on Saturday 10
am-4pm, Sunday 10 am-2pm

Community Christmas Concert Sun. 3pm at
Schuylerville United Methodist Church

CHURCH LIFE

OSRC MISSION STATEMENT

*In answer to God's call
to share Christ's love,
we welcome people
of all abilities and life situations,
and encourage everyone
to fully participate in worship and service.*

WOMEN'S GUILD

The guild will meet on **Monday, Nov. 16 at noon**. Bring a sandwich; dessert will be provided. Hostess for this meeting will be **Robin Woomer**.

Members are reminded that the Dec. Christmas party will be held on Dec. 14.

ALL SAINTS – Nov. 1

Our observance of All Saints Sunday will include Holy Communion and naming and remembering those of our congregation who have died in the past year, since Nov. 1, 2014. During the remembrance, the Christ Candle will be lit in memory of:

Helen Loomis	Dec. 9
George Garney	Feb. 14
Patrick Richards	April 20
Beatrice Pechette	Aug. 16

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sun. Nov. 15



The Annual Meeting of the Old Saratoga Reformed Church will be held on Sunday, Nov. 15, immediately following worship. Deacon and Elder nominating forms are available in the back table of the sanctuary. The congregation will vote on these nominations at the meeting. The 2015 Plan for Ministry (budget) will also be presented for approval. Refreshments will be provided by consistory members. Please plan to stay and be a part of our church's spiritual and financial planning for 2016.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on the following dates: **Wed. 11/11; and Wed-Fri.-11/25-27.**

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

"Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name." Psalm 30:4

***Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!***

In the middle chapters of the book of Exodus we learn of the deliverance of the children of Israel out of Egypt. We note the means by which God supplied the needs of his children through many years of wandering before entering the Promised Land. In chapter 16, verse 7 we read "...in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him." The grumbling was over their dissatisfaction at not having the "pots of meat" that they had had in Egypt. God had promised to sustain them and in the morning it was manna falling from heaven; in the evening quail to serve as their meat.

The hymn "Morning Has Broken" was first published in 1931. The words were written by an English woman, Eleanor Farjeon, and is sung to a lilting Scottish tune named Bunessan. The song became popular not only in churches, but was adopted by pop singers and is heard often in concerts and on recordings. In imagination, the writer thinks about the wonders of the first morning in the Garden of Eden, and relates this vision to each new day. We are reminded of the manna supplied for food, and of God's daily blessings that we read about in Holy Scriptures.

How wonderful is each new morning for God's people. The darkness is passed, the light has dawned. Each day brings the potential of wonderful things happening for God's people. Even the cloudiest of days brings the promise of needed rain. Let us be ever thankful to God for each new day we are given, knowing that God is in that day and is always there to provide.

Dick Behrens

ADVENT WREATH



The Advent Wreath sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer. Families, groups of friends, or individuals may volunteer to light the candles on the Sundays of Advent. Materials are provided for you and will be in the foyer to pick up. The first Sunday in Advent is **Nov. 29**.

ST. NICOLAAS BRUNCH - Sat. Nov. 28



Everyone is invited to come to the St. Nicolaas Brunch on **Sat. Nov. 28 at 10:30am** to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season. First we will join together for the meal, and then do the decorating of the sanctuary and Loomis Hall. Please bring a brunch item (sweet breads, muffins, egg casseroles, fruit, juice, meats) to share. See you there!

HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Read below to find out how you and your family can help others locally and globally!

CHRISTMAS SHOE-BOX GIFTS FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Sun. Nov. 1 – Sun. Nov. 15

Participants can get a special shoe box at the church, fill with suggested items and return to the church by **Sun. Nov. 15**

Questions: Call Bruce Guerineau (221-6505)

TEN DOLLARS BUYS A WARM BLANKET!

We are looking for **20** donations of **\$10** each to purchase **\$200** worth of warm blankets for Church World Service to help families in our country and around the world when they suffer from natural disaster or displacement

Sunday Nov. 1 – Sun. Nov. 22

Donation envelopes are available at the church—or you can send your donation made payable to OSRC, earmarked "CWS Blankets"

For those of you who would like to give a blanket in honor of someone for the holidays, special CWS gift cards are available in the church office!

We will have a special "Blanket Offering on Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov. 22!

"CARING AND SHARING"

This is a local community giving project to help families in need in the Schuylerville School District.

Caring and Sharing helps

families throughout the school year and over the holiday season.

Sun. November 29 – Sun. December 13

Monetary donations may be placed in a marked shoe-box in the church entryway or mailed to the church. Please make checks payable to "**Caring and Sharing.**"

In addition, we are collecting personal care items for families.

The Women's Guild has placed a bin in the church entryway to receive items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, body wash/soap, hair products, etc.



SAFER

Give a gift of money or food to **SAFER**, our community food pantry. Checks may be sent to SAFER, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville, NY 12871.

Food may be dropped off at the pantry MWF, 9-12

or brought to the church and placed in the box marked "SAFER."

A gift of **\$34.95** will provide a family with a Thanksgiving turkey dinner.

PECANS



The fresh Georgia pecans are here. Both regular halves for snacking, baking, cooking, and the dark chocolate covered ones are available for purchase at **\$10 a bag**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

For the month of November our children will be learning about God's gifts of the earth, food shelter, and love. We look forward to hearing about their October lessons and activities on **Sunday, Nov. 8**, when they will share these with the congregation during *All God's Children*.

NEW FUNDRAISER



Our fundraising chair, **Amberlyn Deyoe**, has made arrangements with KB Consignment Shop, 133 Main Street, Greenwich, to accept our gently used clothing donations. The church will receive 50% of the purchase price of the item. If you take items to the store, please mention #204 (the church account #.) If you are unable to get to the store, Amber Deyoe is willing to take your things. (We recommend that you call the store to see if they are accepting donations that day- 683-3533)

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

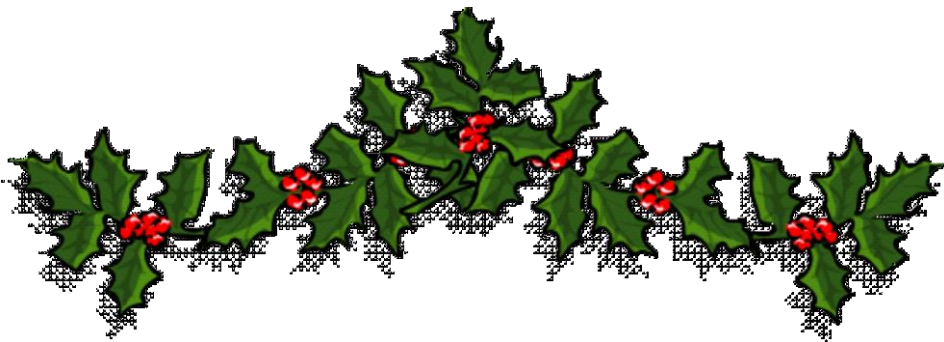


The poinsettia plant is one of the beautiful symbols of Christmas season. Plants are a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one, and to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve. The cost is **\$10** per plant. Deadline is **Sunday, Nov. 22**. You may use the slips in the bulletins to order, or you may call the office (695-3479)

If you prefer to memorialize a loved one in a more permanent way, envelopes for memorial donations are available on the back table of the sanctuary, or they may be sent to the church. All memorials will be listed on the insert for the Christmas services.

Community Christmas Music Festival

(In conjunction with Schuylerville's St.Nicolaas Festival Dec. 4-6)



Sunday, December 6 3 pm

Schuylerville United Methodist Church

Church Street

Church Street, Schuylerville

Featuring local choirs and audience Carol singing

*Free will offering to support the Caring and Sharing program
of Schuylerville Cental School which helps students in need during the holidays and
throughout the year*

Refreshments following!

All are welcome!

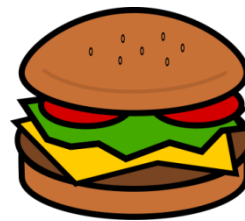
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OUR COMMUNITY
SECOND HAND ROSE THOP
116 BROADWAY
PUB THEOLOGY
(for men)



Tues.- Sat. 11 am-4 pm
Donations gladly accepted during
store hours
Volunteers are always needed

Call Charlotte at 695-4640
Board Meeting: Fri. Nov. 20 9:30am



Monday, Nov. 2 6:30pm

Clark's Steakhouse
Broad Street, Schuylerville
"Ask the Pastor"

S.A.F.E.R
Schuylerville Area Food Relief
M-W-F 9am -noon
260-4779

The One Hundreth Psalm

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

*Know ye that the Lord, he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves:
we are the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him and bless his name.*

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth to all generations.

“JACOB’S WELL”

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Henry Harrington

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

Sunday School: (Sept.-May) 10:00am–11:00am

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 1 10:00 am

Harvest Supper

Sat. Nov. 7 4:30 -6pm

Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 22 10am

St. Nicolaas Brunch and Church Decorating

Sat. Nov. 28 10:30am